IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FROM THE OFFICE ACTION



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Applicant

: Keiko Matsubara, et al.

Application No.

: 09/672.287

Filed

: September 28, 2000

Title

: NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, ELECTRODE FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY AND METHOD OF PREPARING NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM

SECONDARY BATTERY

Grp./Div.

: 1745

Examiner

: Dah Wei D Yuan

Docket No.

: 40589/DBP/Y35

Commissioner for Patents

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated February 2, 2004 for 1 month(s) from May 2, 2004 to June 2, 2004.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$ 110	\$110.00
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 210	\$ 420	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 475	\$ 950	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 740	\$1480	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1005	\$2010	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 110.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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